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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Copy of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office communication dated February 6, 2003 requesting a substitute specification (2 pages);
2. Marked-up copy of substitute specification showing amendments (112 pages);
3. Clean version of substitute specification (111 pages);
4. Statement by Kathryn A. Piffat, Ph.D. that substitute specification contains no new matter (2 pages);
5. This Transmittal Letter; and
6. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any excess fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT THAT SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
CONTAINS NO NEW MATTER (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.125)

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2. Statement

I hereby state that the accompanying substitute specification contains no new matter over that contained in the above-identified application originally filed.

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I further state that the changes made are the same as indicated in the inter-lined original specification also accompanying this declaration.

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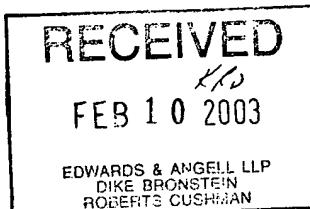
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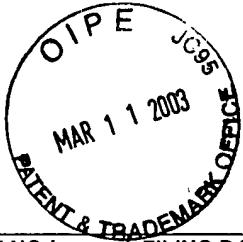
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The reply filed on 30 September 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A substitute specification, including the claims is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because the size and nature of the amendment submitted 30 September 2002 is of such size and magnitude that it makes entry difficult.

A substitute specification filed under 37 CFR 1.125(a) must only contain subject matter from the original specification and any previously entered amendment under 37 CFR 1.121. If the substitute specification contains additional subject matter not of record, the substitute specification must be filed under 37 CFR 1.125(b) and must be accompanied by: 1) a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter; and 2) a marked-up copy showing the amendments to be made via the substitute specification relative to the specification at the time the substitute specification is filed. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, can be reached on (703) 308-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7230.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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